

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that the communication filed on April 23, 2004 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed on February 17, 2004. It failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as amended on June 30, 2003. Claims 4 and 21 have been amended in response to Examiner's request. The claims have also been amended to reflect the renumbering scheme. Claims 2-17, 21-29, 50-51, 58-59 and 66-67 are pending, and claims 1, 18-20, 30-49, 52-57, 60-65, and 68-97 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve their right to prosecute subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that the application is now ready for allowance. If any additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 765-5071.

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